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April 30, 1990

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## Federal Express

CHARLES F. MYERS

Ms. Ruth Mancos Emergency Support Section U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 5HS-11 230 South Dearborn Street Chicago, Illinois 60604

> Response to Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104(e) of CERCLA and Section 3007 of RCRA, for the Conservation Cnemical Company of Illinois Site in Gary, Indiana

Dear Ms. Mancos:

We are attorneys for American Telephone and Telegraph Company ("AT&T"), successor in interest to Western Electric Company, Incorporated ("Western Electric"). (See paragraph III. 8 below.)

The Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") sent several identical letters dated January 30, 1990 addressed to Western Electric requesting information regarding Western Electric's dealings with the Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois site in Gary, Indiana ("the Gary site"). Pursuant to agreement with EPA attorney Mary Fulghum memorialized by separate letter to her this date, copy enclosed, we here respond to EPA's information requests directed to AT&T's Chicago-area Hawthorne facility ("Hawthorne facility"), Ohio facility ("Columbus facility") and AT&T's Montgomery, Illinois facility ("Montgomery facility"). The affidavit of Judy McCarthy is attached hereto as Attachment I.

By letters dated February 28, 1990 and March 15, 1990, we responded to you on behalf of AT&T's Richmond facility and Winston-Salem facility (Greensboro Shops).

- I. <u>Limitations on Scope of Inquiry and Response</u>. Per agreement with Ms. Fulghum, this letter is subject to the following interpretations of and limitations on the requests:
  - A. The information requested by the January 30, 1990 letters is limited to Western Electric's dealings with the Gary, Indiana facililty ("the CCCI Site" or "the site") of Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois ("CCCI") except as noted in subparagraph B(ii) below.
  - B. Although the information requests principally seek information about possible transportation of PCB oils to the CCCI Site, the requests cover all "hazardous substances." Ms. Fulghum, while acknowledging the primary emphasis of EPA's current inquiry to be PCBs, confirmed EPA's intention to request information at this time regarding any "hazardous substances" which might have been transported to the CCCI Site. Ms. Fulghum agreed that a company-wide search for all information regarding use, purchase, storage, treatment, disposal, transportation or other handling of any hazardous substances or materials during the period 1970 to 1985 is beyond the intended scope of the information requests. Ms. Fulghum and the undersigned, therefore, agreed to the following interpretation and modification of the information requests:
    - (i) Each facility addressed is required to respond only with respect to its own operations, and is not responsible for responding on behalf of any other Western Electric or AT&T facility. For purposes of this letter, the facilities addressed are the Hawthorne facility, the Columbus facility, and the Montgomery facility.
    - (ii) <u>PCBs</u>. Each facility will provide information regarding its use, purchase, storage, treatment, disposal, transportation or other handling of PCBs, without regard to whether the PCBs were transported to the CCCI site.
    - (iii) Other Hazardous Substances or Materials. With respect to all hazardous substances or materials other than PCBs, each facility addressed may limit its response to its use, purchase, storage, treatment, disposal, transportation or handling of hazardous substances or materials which may have been transported to the CCCI Site.

- C. <u>Time for Response</u>. Ms. Fulghum and the undersigned agreed that each facility addressed would have until the end of April, 1990 to respond to the information request directed to it.
- D. Financial Responsibility. Ms. Fulghum agreed that, until further notice from EPA, each facility addressed may respond to the requests for information regarding financial responsibility (requests number 8 through 12) by providing a copy of AT&T's most recent annual report to shareholders.
- II. Objections to Instructions. AT&T objects to the instructions which accompany the information requests to the extent that they purport to require AT&T to provide documents or information in the possession, custody or control of former employees, agents, servants, contractors or employees.

AT&T went through the largest corporate reorganization in American history commencing in 1982. The reorganization included the divestiture of 22 former wholly-owned subsidiaries, and the reorganization of Western Electric Company, Incorporated's operations and its name change to AT&T Technologies, Inc. AT&T searched records it considered likely to contain information relating to the EPA's request, and similarly has interviewed those employees it considered likely to provide such information, but cannot categorically state that it has not indavertently overlooked some piece of information that the EPA might consider responsive to its request or that might cause AT&T to supplement, modify or correct the answers to this request. Accordingly, AT&T reserves the right to supplement, modify or correct the responses provided below. Documents that are subject to lawyer/client communications privilege, attorney work product immunity or otherwise are privileged or protected have not been produced.

- III. Response to Requests. The Hawthorne facility, the Columbus facility and the Montgomery facility each respond to the information request received by it as follows:
  - 1. Person The persons consulted in preparation of the answers to the information requests were:

## For the Hawthorne Facility:

Judy McCarthy
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(document search only)

# For the Column

T. M. O'Leary
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Norm Bednarski Supervisor, Maintenance AT&T Columbus Works 6200 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43213

## For the Montgomery Facility:

J. R. Jasien
Manager, Printed Circuit Board Engineering
& Manufacturing, Environmental Health
& Safety
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Montgomery, Illinois 60538-0305

L. W. Oberc Senior Engineer, Environmental AT&T Montgomery Works Montgomery, Illinois 60538-0305

A. J. Baase Plant Engineering Manager AT&T Montgomery Works Montgomery, Illinois 60538-0305

G. D. Lurz Purchasing & Transportation Manager AT&T Montgomery Works Montgomery, Illinois 60538-0305

2. Documents which form the basis for each facility's response are as follows:

Hawthorne Facility. A description of the documents is attached as Attachment II. Copies of the documents themselves, marked as Exhibits H1 through H187, accompany this letter.

Columbia A description of the documents is attached as Attachment III. Copies of the documents themselves, marked as Exhibits Cl through C4, accompany this letter.

Montgomery Facility. A description of the documents is attached as Attachment IV. Copies of the documents themselves, marked as Exhibits Ml through M17, accompany this letter.

- 3. Other . We know of no AT&T employees, contractors or agents who may be able to provide a more detailed or complete response than contained herein. Mr. Norman Hjersted, the owner and principal officer of CCCI, may be able to provide you additional information. We have not been in contact with Mr. Hjersted and do not know his current address.
- identification numbers for each facility addressed are as follows:

Hawthorne Facility, ILD-074381427 Columbus racrice, 904282703 Montgomery Facility, ILD-056625858

ther Persons: AT&T objects to the broad, vague scope of this request, which does not identify the release or threat of release to which it refers, the facility or site to which it refers, the hazardous substance to which it refers, or even the company

to which it refers. AT&T makes no response to this inquiry to the extent it may be construed to require AT&T to identify acts or omissions of third parties. AT&T is aware that a large body of evidence has been accumulated by EPA with respect to CCCI's operation of the site. AT&T refers EPA to its own files for this information.

- overbroad scope of this request. Persons identified in paragraph III.1 above and in the documents submitted herewith have knowledge or information about the generation, transportation, treatment, disposal or handling of hazardous substances or materials. It is not possible, however, for AT&T to identify "all persons" having such knowledge.
- 7. Handline Substances or Materials Which May Have So to the CCCI Site: Except as set forth below and in the exhibits hereto, none of the facilities addressed used, purchased, stored, treated, disposed, transported or otherwise handled hazardous substances or materials which may have been transported to the CCCI site during the period 1970 to 1985:

The Hawthorne facility sent a variety of waste materials to the CCCI Site, as shown in the attached documents. The Hawthorne facility's PCB records do not show any indication that the facility disposed of any PCB-containing materials at the CCCI Site.

The Columbus has not been able to find any documents showing shipments of waste to the CCCI Site. AT&T's central accounting records show a single payment to CCCI by the Columbus facility in 1975 in the amount of \$500.00. Copies of the relevant accounting records are attached to my letter to Ms. Fulghum this date, copy enclosed herewith. The Columbus facility's PCB records do not show any indication that the facility disposed of any PCB-containing materials at the CCCI Site.

The Montgomery facility contracted with MacDermid Corporation for the purchase of circuit board etchants. Under the contract, MacDermid was responsible for removing used etchants. We are aware that EPA's file contains records of CCCI which show that MacDermid arranged and paid for CCCI to pick up the used etchant from the Montgomery facility during 1972 and 1973. The Montgomery facility's records, however, do not contain any documents pertaining to the CCCI Site. AT&T's central accounting records show a single payment to CCCI by the Montgomery facility in 1971 in the amount of \$1,852.50. Copies of the relevant accounting

records are attached to my letter to Ms. Fulghum this date, copy enclosed herewith. The Montgomery facility's PCB records do not show any indication that the facility disposed of any PCB-containing materials at the CCCI Site.

Company, Incorporated, a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T, changed its name on January 3, 1984 to AT&T Technologies, Inc. Effective December 31, 1989, AT&T Technologies, Inc. (formerly Western Electric) was merged into its parent, AT&T. As part of that merger, AT&T assumed Western Electric's liability, if any, for cleanup of hazardous substances which may have been disposed of at the CCCI Site.

Per agreement with Ms. Mary Fulghum described in paragraph I.D above, AT&T's most recent annual report to shareholders was submitted to you under cover of my letter of February 28, 1990.

Very truly your

CHH:nrl

cc: Ms. Mary Fulghum (without enclosures)

DOCUMENTS CONSULTED IN PREPARATION OF ANSWERS TO INFORMATION REQUESTS WITH RESPECT TO THE COLUMBUS FACILITY

EXHIBITS C1 THROUGH C4

October 22, 1985

A.T.& T. Technologies Inc. 6200 E. Broad Street Columbus. Oh 43213

ATTENTION: Nr. Howdy Wells

SUBJECT:

Engineering Report

Transformer Inspection & Oil Analysis

P.O. #J-66510 - HVN W.O. DNH-5454 & 5454-1

Dear Mr. Wells:

Enclosed please find the engineering report, Table I, and inspection sheets N-1-85 through N-16-85, covering the transformer inspection and oil analysis of sixteen (16) transformers at your facility on July 17, 1985; and leak repair on August 25, 1985.

Our sales engineer, Mr. Bill Heffner, will be contacting you regarding the recommended repair work.

After you have had an opportunity to review this report, please let us know if you have any questions, or require additional information or service.

Sincerely,

Nark Lautenschlager, P.S. V.P. - Engineering & Operations

By: C. Nm. Heffner Sales Engineer

ML/lm Encl.

cc: Mr. D.L. Adkins





### PAGE 2 (CONT'D) AT&T

## Comments & Recommendations:

Note \$1: Recommend installing 3/8" pipe plug in top valve in back of transformer.

Note #2: Slight PCB leak around bottom fin at inlet transformer wall, and around weld to transformer wall. Also, pin hole in weld at bottom main tank up from floor level. Top sample valve should be changed, 1/2" pipe thread 1/2" gate valve and pipe plug. Recommend leak repair be performed

Note #3: When the dielectric strength of askarel tests below 30 KV it becomes questionable. Test in six (6) months to monitor deterioration. If it is lower than 20 kV, the Askarel should be filtered.

PROJECT II: Leak Repair (EVM W.O. DWE-5454-1)

Leaks reported in note #2 were repaired with Belzona by HVM technicians on August 25, 1985.

Recommendation: Inspect and test oil in one (1) year. Inspect for PCB leaks quarterly per BPA regulations.



May 29, 1984

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CLEVELAND 216/951-2706

DAYTON 513,278-0811

INDIANAPOLIS 317/356-6411

MIL WALLKEE 414 784-3660 A. T. & T. Network Systems

6200 E. Broad Street Columbus, OH 43213

Attention: H. R. Wells

SUBJECT:

PCB Cleanup

HVM Work Order DWN-4938

Dear Mr. Wells:

Per your request, a technician from High Voltage Maintenance Corporation inspected your transformer #4055 on May 24, 1984, and made repairs on a minor seepage of PCB at a cooling fin tube. See attached inspection report M-1-84, covering this work.

The source of the minor amount of seepage was difficult to ascertain, so the tube was cleaned and epoxied all the way around the bottom of the tube. We recommend you monitor it for awhile to assure the repair attempt was effective.

A small amount of PCB-contaminated cleanup rags was generated and removed from your facility for proper disposal at an approved PCB landfill, as covered by the attached manifest.

Please call if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely.

Thomas E. Havenar Project Engineer

TEH/1mm Encl.

Approved By:

Division Manager

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P.S. You need to retain this or a similar report with your records until five years after all PCB's have been removed from this facility.





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Western Electric 6200 E. Broad Street Columbus. OH 43213

Attention: Mr. Howdy Wells

SUBJECT:

Transmittal of Test Data

HVM W.O. DWN-4571

Dear Mr. Wells:

Attached are test and inspection sheets M-1-83 through M-16-83, covering inspections and fluid quality tests on sixteen PCB liquid filled transformers at your 6200 E. Broad Street plant.

All fluid quality test results were good, and no PCB leaks were reported on any of the units. A number of areas were reported that deserve further investigation or corrective actions, however.

\_\_\_\_Twelve units were reported to have zero or nearly zero nitrogen pressure. We recommend these units be purged with dry nitrogen and be pressurized to +2 lbs. They then should be monitored to assure the pressure holds (to see if top gaskets are leaking).

Four units have operated near or above their thermal ratings at some time in the past. This gives a probable indication that these units have been overloaded. We recommend a load study during your peak periods, or an investigation to see if any of the load on these four can be switched to lower loaded transformers.

Tell? A number of units appear to be somewhat low on fluid. We recommend further checking of this as too low of fluid are made in the checking of this as too low of fluid are made in the checking of this as too low of fluid are made in the checking of this as too low of fluid are made in the checking of this as too low of fluid are made in the checking of this as too low of fluid are made in the checking of this as too low of fluid are made in the checking of this as too low of fluid are made in the checking of this as too low of fluid are made in the checking of this as too low of fluid are made in the checking of this as too low of fluid are made in the checking of this as too low of fluid are made in the checking of this as too low of fluid are made in the checking of this are the checking of this; as too low of fluid can result in improper cooling fin operation and potential overheating.

> The pressure on your 405 North transformer is reported as 6.4 lbs. Either the gauge is defective, or you have much too much pressure on this unit. It should be investigated and corrected as needed.

Lastly, your 403 transformer appears to have a slight amount of PCB residue under the drain valve. We recommend this be cleaned up properly to be on the safe side in case of an EPA inspection.

Please call if you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Schaeff, E.E. Division Manager

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EXHIBIT C4